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PENROSE THE CHOICE

Nominated by Republican Caucus for United States Senator.

ONLY ONE BALLOT WAS TAKEN

He Received 133 Votes and Mr. Wanamaker 75—The Nomination Then Made Unanimous—Keystone Legislature Organized.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—The full republican caucus of the senate and house last night to choose a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Cameron resulted in 133 votes for State Senator Penrose of Philadelphia; 75 for ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker one for Senator Cameron, one for ex-congressman John B. Robinson and one for Judge Rice, president judge of the superior court. Thus ends the great fight for Senator Cameron's seat and Senator Boies Penrose has won. When the chairman of the caucus announced that Senator Penrose had received the highest number of votes and was the caucus nominee, Senator Kauffman, the Wanamaker leader, rose, and in a brief speech, moved to make the nomination unanimous. He said the motion to make the nomination unanimous was at the request of Mr. Wanamaker and the noble body of men who stood with him who are loyal to their party. Senator Kauffman's motion was adopted and Senator Penrose was made the unanimous choice of the republicans for United States senator. The caucus then adjourned. The democratic caucus was also held last evening and ex-Lieut.-Gov. Chauncey F. Black of York was chosen as the democratic candidate for senator.

KEYSTONE LEGISLATURE.

Organization Perfected and the Governor's Message Read.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—Both branches of the legislature convened at noon yesterday. In the senate long before the opening hour visitors swarmed through the chamber greeting senators of their acquaintance or viewing the changes that have been made since the session of 1895. The galleries were crowded and there was a lively interest taken in the proceedings. When Senator Penrose entered the chamber as the gavel fell there was a cheer from the galleries, but it was cut short by the lieutenant-governor. Senator McCarrell of Dauphin was named on the part of the republicans as president pro tem. and Mr. Cochrane of Lycoming on the part of the democrats, who received the votes of the six democrats. Mr. McCarrell was elected. Chief clerk Edward W. Smith was re-elected. After a short recess the governor's message was presented and read. The governor urges strict economy in the expenditure of public moneys, owing to the falling off of the revenues. The manner of the distribution of the five and one-half million dollars appropriated for the public schools, he says is decidedly at fault, and discriminates against districts which lack industries, and the lack of school facilities in the country is causing many citizens to move to boroughs and cities in order to educate their children. The governor refers to the crowded condition of the state prisons and recommends the erection of another penitentiary and the enlargement of the old ones. "The individual or corporation that seeks to obtain from you dishonest advantage over his neighbor or competitor, or to bring gain to himself at the expense of the state should be driven from your halls as the comenemy of the people," the governor says. In the assembly H. K. Boyer of Philadelphia was elected speaker. J. Rex of Huntingdon chief clerk and A. B. Fetterolf of Montgomery resident.

Illinois Senatorship.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—Edward C. Curtis was nominated for speaker at a caucus last night of the republican members of the lower house. The majority of votes for him insures his election. He was the choice of the state machine which is backing Alderman Madden of Chicago for United States senator, and the result of the caucus is taken by the machine leaders and their followers in the legislature to forecast the election of Madden.

State Civil Service Commission.

Albany, Jan. 6.—The state civil service commission met yesterday and approved new regulations for local boards in New York city, Syracuse and Binghamton. The commission talked over its annual report to the governor, and then called upon Gov. Black and paid their respects.

Declined the Honor of Knighthood.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—While Hon. Wilfred Laurier, the Dominion premier, declines to discuss the matter, it is learned from reliable sources that he has definitely refused the proffered honor of knighthood, and that it is not open to question.

Torpedo Boat No. 4 Launched.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Torpedo boat No. 4 will be launched this afternoon at the Columbia Iron works, Baltimore.

NEARING THE AGE LIMIT.

Five Army and Three Navy Officers Will Retire During the Present Year.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Five general officers of the army and three of the navy will retire, on reaching the age limit, during the present year. The first of these, Brigadier-Gen. Michael R. Morgan, the commissary general of subsistence, goes off the active list on the 18th of the present month, when he will, without doubt, be succeeded by Col. Thomas C. Sullivan, his assistant and next in rank. The other staff retirements are those of Gen. W. P. Craighill, chief of engineers, July 1, and Gen. Ruggles, adjutant general, September 11. Gen. Craighill's vacancy will fall to Col. H. M. Robert, now stationed at New York city, or Col. John M. Wilson, stationed at Washington, D. C., both of whom retire in 1901. In the succession to Gen. Ruggles, while Gen. Greene, now at San Francisco, and Gen. Breck. Gen. Miles' chief of staff, are the ranking officers, both of them retiring next year, would ordinarily be expected to secure the promotion, but the impression is strong in army and political circles that Col. H. C. Corbin, for a long time Gen. Ruggles' assistant, and now Gen. Ruger's chief of staff at Governors Island, N. Y., will receive the appointment. The two line retirements of the army are those of Major-Gens. Thomas H. Ruger, commanding department of the east, and Frank Wheaton, commanding department of the Colorado, the former retiring April 2 and the latter May 8. In the navy the succession is absolutely fixed and the three important retirements there simply cause advancement throughout the service. Admiral John G. Walker, president of the light house board, retires March 20. Admiral F. M. Ramsay, chief of navigation follows April 5, and Admiral George Brown, for some time past the ranking officer of the navy, goes out July 19.

ARMENIAN REVOLUTIONISTS.

Their Hopeless Struggle Against the Turks the Cause of the Massacres.

Boston, Jan. 6.—A special meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in the Park street church yesterday afternoon to listen to addresses by missionaries returned from Turkey. Dr. Grace N. Kimball, formerly of the Van mission, in eastern Turkey, was the first speaker. She said she would speak plainly about the Armenian revolutionists. If they had been content to live as beasts of burden and slaves they would be safe from persecution. The young men, many of whom were educated in this country and Europe, formed clubs. They comprised but one per cent. of the Armenian population in Turkey. The great mass of Armenians are as much opposed to the revolutionary party as the Turks themselves, because they saw that the revolutionists' cause was a hopeless one, and tended only to bring destruction on themselves. Of the 100,000 Armenians who were butchered 99 per cent. were people who knew nothing and cared nothing about revolution. Rev. W. A. Farnsworth, D.D., of Cesarea in western Turkey, gave the audience some conception of the extent of the Armenian massacres by comparing the loss in killed in some of the big battles of the civil war with the number killed in various places in Armenia by the Turks, showing that in many cases the Armenian loss was greater. Both speakers made appeals for aid for the Armenians.

South African Outbreaks.

Cape Town, Jan. 6.—Advices from Vryburg say that a trader named Robinson, on the Mashoning river, had been murdered by the natives and his wife and child made prisoners. It is feared that the whole of the Baltoros tribe is revolting. The police station at Takeen has been abandoned, and grave fears are felt for the many settlers between the scene of the murder and Vryburg. Volunteers are starting for the disturbed districts.

Escaped from the Erie Penitentiary.

Buffalo, Jan. 6.—Charles O. Hartwell, 30 years of age, a prisoner at the Erie county penitentiary, escaped from that institution during the night by scaling the yard wall. Hartwell was sentenced from Orleans county on May 9, 1896, to a term of eight months for grand larceny. His term would have expired to-day but he would have been rearrested on another charge.

Orders for Light Ships.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Contracts for light vessels and lighthouse tenders have been made by the treasury department as follows: Bath Iron company, Bath, Me., two light vessels to be done in nine months, $74,500 each, and one tender to be done in eight months, $72,000; Lewis Nixon, Crescent ship yard, Elizabeth, N. J., one tender to be done in eight months, $72,000.

Held for Manslaughter.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 6.—Edward Matthews, arraigned in the police court for causing the death of Calvin A. Yeaton, watchman at the Washington mills, last Friday, was held in $1,000 for the grand jury on the charge of manslaughter, the court saying that from the report of the medical examiner he did not think the crime a serious one.

CONGRESS' DULL DAY

Nothing of Unusual Interest Before Either House.

MANY MEMBERS ARE STILL ABSENT

Mr. Call's Resolution Demanding Sanguilly's Release Before the Senate—Loud Postal Bill in the House.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The proceedings in both branches of congress today are almost devoid of general interest, and only about half the members have returned to the city since the close of the holiday recess to complete the work of the last session of the 54th congress. In the senate this afternoon Mr. Call will speak on his joint resolution instructing the president to "Demand the immediate release of Jules Sanguilly, condemned to perpetual imprisonment for his connection with the Cuban insurrection." Mr. Peffer, pop., Kan., read a speech in favor of a joint resolution introduced by him on the 14th of December, for the appointment of a national monetary commission to examine and study the general subject of finance in its practical relations to the business affairs of the people of the United States. After the speech the joint resolution was referred to the committee on finances. A memorial was presented from the Massachusetts Historical society for the repair and preservation of the famous old frigate Constitution, as a naval museum, just as Nelson's battleship Victory is preserved at Portsmouth.

House of Representatives.

The Loud bill, to amend the postal laws by excluding "sample copies" and serial novel publications from second-class mail matter, is the suuject of discussion in the house to-day, and a vote will be taken at 4 o'clock this afternoon on its passage. A resolution introduced by Mr. Broderick, rep., Kan., was agreed to, calling upon the secretary of the interior to report to the house the reason why patents for lands in Kansas granted to the old Kansas Pacific Railroad company had not been patented to the company, and why homestead entries upon them were being permitted to be made by the officers of the Topeka land district.

WANTS THEM PENSIONED.

A Bill in the House Providing for the Retirement of Civil Service Employes.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Mr. Brosius of Pennsylvania, the chairman of the house committee on civil service reform, has introduced a bill to provide for the retirement of government employes in the classified service. The bill creates a retirement fund by withholding 2 per cent. monthly of the salaries received by clerks in the civil service. Provision is made for retirement under three qualifications, each retiring clerk to receive for life an income amounting to 75 per cent. of the highest pay received by him while employed in the civil service, this income to be drawn from the retiring fund. Every person who has been employed in the service twenty years and who shall have become mentally or physically disqualified will be retired on his application or compulsorily retired. Every person who has attained the age of 60 and shall have been employed thirty years may be retired on his application. Every person who has attained the age of 70 and been employed in the civil service thirty-five years shall be compulsorily retired.

To Reduce Government Employes' Pay.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator Chandler has offered as an amendment to the deficiency bill his bill reducing the salaries of all government employes and officers 10 per cent.

Successful Filibustering Expedition.

St. Louis, Jan. 6.—A special to the Scripps-McRae Press association from Key West, Fla., says that the steamer Dauntless landed a cargo and men taken from No Name Key, left by the Three Friends, in Cuba Monday. The location cannot be ascertained yet, but is supposed to be in Pinar del Rio province. Cubans are jubilant, while the Spanish consul is frantic over the trick of the Dauntless in eluding the Spanish cruisers.

Double Hanging in Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 6.—William Downing and Charles Williams, both negroes, were hanged here yesterday. Downing killed a woman of the name of Emma Lane in this city last May. Williams killed George Bess, a negro, on board a schooner.

Frozen to Death.

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 6.—News has just reached Fargo of the death of Edward and John Pettit in the blizzard of Sunday. They were caught not far from their home at Hunter, twenty miles from this city, and were frozen to death.

Application for New Trial.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Counsel for Thomas M. Bram, convicted of the murder of Captain Nash of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, filed yesterday afternoon in the United States court an application for a new trial.

TUPPER ADMIRES US

But Says Canadian Security Rests in Unity with Great Britain.

ONLY ASSURANCE OF REAL LIBERTY

The Former High Commissioner Says We Desire To Absorb the Dominion and in the Event of Isolation She Would Fall into Our Lap.

London, Jan. 6.—Sir Charles Tupper, formerly Canadian high commissioner to Great Britain, and more recently prime minister of Canada, which office he resigned on July 8, last; Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert, who was permanent under secretary of state for the colonies from 1870 to 1892, and who is now agent general for Tasmania, and the Hon. Duncan Gillies, agent general for Victoria, were the guests of honor last evening at a banquet given by the St. George's club of this city. Major General Sir Owen Burke presided in the absence of Lord Loch. In replying to a toast Sir Charles said that he did not go from London to Canada for the purpose of succeeding Sir Mackenzie Bowell in the premiership, but that he was summoned by the latter to confer with the government on important public business connected with Canada and the empire. He had been reluctantly drawn into politics when he thought he had retired from an active political life. The liberal and conservative parties in Canada had asked him to re-enter the arena. Referring to the Washington treaty of 1888, respecting the fisheries, which the American senate refused to ratify, Sir Charles paid a high tribute to the tact and ability of Joseph Chamberlain, now secretary of state for the colonies, who was one of the treaty commissioners. Referring to the situation in Canada Sir Charles said that if the Dominion were isolated it must fall into the lap of the United States. Consolidated, it would remain firmly attached to Great Britain. He greatly admired the United States, but was profoundly convinced that union with Great Britain Britain was the only true security for real liberty to all parties. The United States, he added, desired to absorb Canada. (Cries of "they will never get it"). The Canadian fisheries were the chief attraction for the United States and the minerals of the Dominion was another. Canada could give the United States the finest harbors in the world, besides bringing that county 600 miles nearer to Great Britain. He contended that Canada's deep-seated loyalty to Great Britain would always constitute an impassable barrier to absorption.

TWO ASSEMBLIES IN DELAWARE.

Outcome of the Bitter Legislative Fight Awaited with Much Interest.

Dover, Del., Jan. 6.—The final outcome of the bitter legislative fight now being conducted in this state is awaited with deep interest. The seven union republican candidates for the house of representatives in Kent county who were declared not elected by the board of canvass and the seven union republicans who were defeated in Sussex county met in the state library yesterday and decided to form a rump house, to meet at the Hotel Richardson. They then repaired to the hotel and organized with Luther C. Conwell as temporary chairman. Thomas C. Moore was elected permanent speaker, and the oath was administered to him by Mr. Conwell. Mr. Moore then swore in the thirteen other members. Charles S. Hastings was made clerk and Thomas E. Brown recording clerk. They, with the minor assistants, then took the oath. The regular senate met and selected Hezekiah Harrington, democrat, speaker. The democrats captured the senate through the failure of the republicans to stand together. Meredith, democrat, of Kent county, was seated, and Allee, republican, was rejected. The regular house organized by making E. B. Riggin, democrat, speaker. The house appointed a committee on the contest of W. W. Chears against J. T. Dickey, both democrats, from New Castle county.

Candidate for Pension Commissioner.

Albany, Jan. 6.—Hon. Andrew Davidson, deputy secretary of state, is a candidate for the office of commissioner of pensions under President-elect McKinley. Mr. Davidson resides in Cooperstown, Otsego county.

Cigarettes Drove Him to Death.

New York, Jan. 6.—Frederick C. Smith, 25 years old, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid. Excessive cigarette smoking, which partially destroyed his reason, is given as the cause.

Postmasters Nominated.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The president has sent the following nominations for postmasterships to the senate: Connecticut—G. B. Benham, Hamden. Massachusetts—W. A. Torrey, South Braintree.

Assassination of an Armenian Official.

Constantinople, Jan. 6.—Pedros Effendi, the Armenian [illegible] pills. gists. Hood [illegible] of Tsbharsandjak, was assa[illegible]d two days after his arrival th[illegible]

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

Both Branches Convened This Morning and Organization Perfected.

Albany, Jan. 6.—Both branches of the legislature met at 11 o'clock this morning to organize. In the assembly the officers chosen by the republican caucus last night were elected, and Speaker O'Grady read his address. The senate organized with the old officers, and Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff read his address. After the governor's message is read the legislature will adjourn until the evening of Jan. 13, when the committees will be announced.

WORK OF THE CAUCUSES.

Not a Single Contest and Everything Done Unanimously.

Albany, Jan. 6.—The caucuses of the two parties in the legislature were held last night and had all finished their business inside of twenty-five minutes. It required less time than usual to prepare for the organization of the legislature, as there was not a single contest and everything was done unanimously. The republican assembly caucus chose James M. E. O'Grady of Rochester for speaker, Archie Baxter of Elmira for clerk, James C. Crawford of New York for sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Bauer of Monroe for head doorkeeper, Frank W. Johnson of Erie for first-assistant doorkeeper, ex-assemblyman Eugene L. Demers of Lansingburg for second-assistant doorkeeper, and Henry C. Lammert of Brooklyn, the assembly stenographer of last year, was again named. All of the nominations were unanimosly agreed to by the caucus. The speaker was given authority to appoint a caucus committee to call future caucuses.

Democratic Assemblymen.

The democratic assemblymen met in caucus in the assembly parlor and made the following complimentary nominations: Speaker, D[illegible] E. Finn of New York; clerk, Charles Marshall of Erie; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas H. Murphy of New York; head doorkeeper, Edward Owens of New York; stenographer, Thomas Hassett of Steuben. Assemblyman Finn is to be the democratic leader on the floor of the assembly.

Senate Caucus.

The caucus of the republican senators was very brief. Senator Ellsworth offered a resolution that the places allotted to the several senators by the senate caucus last year be continued to the same senators this year and that they be authorized to name the appointee for the different places for this year, such names to be handed to the clerk of the senate. The senators can name the employees of last session or make new appointments. Nearly all of last year's appointments will stand for the present session. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

M'KINLEY AND CUBA.

Senor Pierra of the Junta Had a Conference with the President-elect.

Cleveland, Jan. 6.—It has just leaked out that Senor F. G. Pierra of the New York junta had a conference with President-elect McKinley last Sunday afternoon at Mr. Hanna's home. At that conference the whole history of the Cuban troubles was outlined to the next president. Senor Pierra is one of the best posted men in this country upon the present Cuban insurrection, and it was to give Major McKinley the benefit of his knowledge of facts that he visited this city. It was the president-elect's desire to obtain all the information possible that made him welcome the visitor. Major McKinley did not indicate what use he would make of the information nor what stand he proposed to take when the time should come. It was understood, however, that he will treat of the Cuban difficulties at some length in his message to the extra session of congress.

Conflicting Rumors About the Pope.

London, Jan. 6.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs that he learns from an official source that the condition of the pope is very grave. He adds that Austria, having certain prescriptive rights in a conclave to elect the pope's successor, would be one of the first powers to be informed of his condition. Other reports received here agree that his holiness is enjoying his usual good health, and that to-day he received the papal secretary of state.

Lord Beresford's Condition.

London, Jan. 6.—Lord William Beresford, husband of the former Duchess of Marlborough, who was injured by the falling of his horse while riding to hounds a few days ago, is not progressing as favorably towards recovery as could be desired, though he does not appear to have grown weaker. He passes restless nights and is somewhat feverish.

Expressions on the Death of Gen. Walker.

Boston, Jan. 6.—A special meeting of the Boston city government met at noon to-day and made expression of their sense of the public loss upon the death of Gen. Francis A. Walker.

Appointed Receiver.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 6.—Maurice Aurbach has been appointed receiver of the Allemania bank. Mr. Aurbach is president of the Union National bank of this city.

GREETED BY WEYLER

Senator Money Visits the Captain-General in Havana.

HIS RECEPTION WAS VERY CORDIAL

The Spanish Official Said He Would Be Pleased if Others Came to Cuba with the Same Purpose as Mr. Money.

Havana, Jan. 6.—Mr. Money, accompanied by Consul General Lee, last evening visited Captain General Weyler and was received very cordially. General Weyler expressed regret that he was not in the city when Mr. Money arrived. He added that had he been here he would have invited him to join him in his trip to the province of Pinar del Rio, and he would then have had an excellent opportunity to see the country. Mr. Money said he was enchanted with the little he had seen of Cuba. He alluded to the comments that have been made on his trip to San Jose de las Lajas, to which General Weyler replied cheerfully that he had paid no attention to what had been said. He declared that he would be pleased if others came to Cuba with the same purpose as Mr. Money, that is, to admire and study the country. Alexander C. Brice, American consul at Matanzas, and Walter B. Barker, American consular agent at Sagua la Grande, have arrived here to pay their respects to Mr. Money. Mr. Barker comes from the same state as Mr. Money.

The Case of Henry Delgado.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The friends of the American newspaper correspondent, Henry Delgado, now lying ill in a Spanish prison in Cuba, have taken measures to clear away a misunderstanding that exists as to his identity. It has been asserted by the Spaniards that he is the noted Cuban leader Ricardo Delgado. The affidavit of Maria Elena Delgado Green of New York has been filed with the state department asserting that Henry Delgado is an American citizen, born in Brooklyn in 1865, and adopted by her father, Jose Delgado. According to the affiant, he lived in the United States most of his life, and went to Cuba to act as a correspondent for a New York newspaper. He was ill when he landed in Cuba, and went directly into the hospital, where he was arrested. The affidavit further says that Ricardo Delgado is her cousin. He is a Cuban, a Spanish subject, and an officer of the Cuban artillery. He has been in the United States since July, 1896.

Foreign Papers for Cuban Independence.

New York, Jan. 6.—Nicola Cardimus, a well-to-do Cuban patriot who went to Paris some four months ago to raise money there for the Cubans, has returned to this city and reported at once to Delegate Palma at the Cuban junta. He told the general that most of the foreign papers were for Cuban independence, especially two Paris newspapers and the London Times. He gave General Palma $1,000 which he had collected and said that he would return shortly to Europe to obtain more aid for his fellow countrymen.

Sulzer's Cuban Resolution.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Mr. Sulzer, dem., N. Y., yesterday introduced in the house a resolution which declares that the kingdom of Spain is not conducting the war in Cuba in accordance with the laws of war as recognized by all civilized nations. The resolution calls upon the United States to notify Spain that if the barbarous manner in which the war is being conducted does not cease within thirty days the United States shall recognize the independence of the island and maintain it by force of arms.

Anti-High Building Bill.

Albany, Jan. 6.—Assemblyman Austin of New York city says that an anti-high building law will be introduced at the coming session. It provides that the height of a building be limited to fifteen times the square foot of the width of the street upon which the building fronts.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Albany, Jan. 6.—Adjutant General Tillinghast has appointed Isaac Fonda Handy of Troy as an assistant adjutant general in his department. This is a new position. Heretofore there has only been one assistant adjutant general.

Ivory Advised To Plead Guilty.

London, Jan. 6.—Solicitor Russell, son of Lord Russell of Killowen, lord chief justice of England, who is one of the lawyers defending Edward J. Ivory, alias Edward Bell, the alleged Irish-American dynamiter, is extremely reticent regarding the case. He does not deny, however, that he has advised Ivory to plead guilty.

Bubonic Plague in India.

Bombay, Jan. 6.—The bubonic plague is raging with much violence at Kurrache, in Sinde, one of the chief seaports in India. The panic caused by the spread of the disease is increasing daily. The natives continue to flee from the city.

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THE HOURS.

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And thought can never find the first one or the last,
In endless future nor in endless past.

No ending to the line and no beginning,
Simply the clock of time forever ringing,
A solemn fog bell tolling everlastingly
Above the wan waves of a level sea!

What does it mean, this ceaseless, sad procession
Of hours? No halt, no change, no retrogression,
No haste, no swerving, no delaying, no retreat,
Each like the last as pendulum beat to beat.

The earth and moon grow ever old and older,
And human hearts grow warmer or grow colder,
While stealthy death creeps up all ties to sever,
The hours move in unbroken file forever.

For they alone are free from all mutation,
Exempt alike from death and from creation;
They pass, and pass, and pass, and passing testify
To infinite and imminent eternity.

—Charles F. Johnson, in Outlook.

CAP'N DICKEY'S CAPTIVES.

How His Crew of Cripples Recovered in a Night.

One Day Late the Schooner Hester Sailed Into Bristol Harbor with Rum, Molasses, Sundries and "Cinq Hommes."

The only words that Capt. John Dickey, of the Bristol schooner Hester, had understood were "cinq hommes."

"Five on 'em," he muttered. "That's odds for the frog-eaters."

And in the depths of his gloom he fell to cutting off a pipeful of tobacco.

Truly, Capt. John couldn't be very sanguine. He had sailed from Boston several days before, bound for Bristol town, or ancient Pemaquid, with a general cargo for the storekeepers of the settlement, and alas! a French privateersman had overhauled him away off the mouth of the Kennebec. The Hester had fled, but her flight was about as nimble as the scuttling away of an old hen floundering through a barnyard to escape a tormenting dog. The Hester was all right for conveying rum, molasses, and other necessaries—broad of beam and tight of seam. But she couldn't run away. Her blunt nose bumped against the waves, her heavy sides smashed clumsily down upon the brimming swell. The tough old bird spread all sail and bowled along, like a Brahma scudding before the wind with tail spread, but up came the privateersman, his frisky nose dipping, his clean sides flashing back the glint of the wave, and the spume whizzing through the lee braces.

"Schoonaire, ahoi!" shouted a little man from over the taffrail, his knurly, red nose gleaming from under his cap. The pursuer had edged up on the Hester's quarter, and Capt. Dickey and his men were surlily eying the small craft.

"What do you want?" roared back the captain, hoarsely, just as though he didn't know all too well.

The man with the knurly red nose screamed back:

"Heaf to; stand by for bot'!"

Capt. Dickey didn't haul around at once, however. He turned to Mate Constant Judkins.

"S'pose we'te got to, Jud?" he remarked, gloomily. "Course you know what it means. We're gobbled."

"Yes, and it's jest as well to be gobbled whole as piecemeal," remarked Mate Judkins, carefully throwing his quid to lee.

This was wisdom. So in a moment or so the Hester came slapping and clanging and foaming around into the wind. Not a moment too soon, for the privateersman's long Tom had taken a rather determined squint at the mainmast of the schooner.

Then Capt. Dickey, listening attentively and with saturnine face, heard a gobble of French, in which he distinguished "cinq hommes," and that alone, for he wasn't a linguist.

"Sank 'om," he growled; "wal, come along and sank 'om more if you want to."

Constant Judkins listened to the soliloquy with puzzled face.

"If I may be so questioniferous, cap'n," he asked, "who's this 'ere Sank Orm who is coming aboard?"

The captain didn't smile. "I heard 'em say in We-we lingo," he explained, "that they're going to put five prize men aboard us, and the Lord only knows where they'll take us!"

The crew of the Hester were four—the skipper, the mate—Ozarias Hodson, A. B., able-bodied seaman, and Berual Joquith, cook and before the mast.

Now, as the captain strode forward front of the house to see about throwing over the stern ladder, he saw Ozarias Hodson sitting on a rope coil in the waist, with head tied up.

"What ails you?" snapped the skipper.

"Toot'ache, sir, and dum'd bad, too!"

Ozarias evidently was more distracted by toothache than by a privateersman. Berual Joquith, who had had the lively suspicion that the privateersman would pop a few shots at them by way of exercise and practice, dodged out of sight into his sanctuary.

Just as Capt. Dickey threw over the stern ladder a thought struck him.

"By ginger!" said he, and he jumped as though he had suddenly taken in a mouthful of that condiment.

He threw a hasty look over the side. The privateersman was just getting its long boat in the water with the "sank'oms" and their sea chests.

"Jud," he called back to the mate, "make fast the wheel and dodge down here into the waist under the lee of th[illegible]

Ju[illegible]ked surprised, but he did so.

"C[illegible] below," commanded the skipper[illegible] both men followed him Down i[illegible]nk they found the cook.

"Boys," said the captain, "there ain't time to go into long explanations, but I want you to know right now that you're all in awful bad shape, and I'm the only man about ship who can keep on his pegs."

The amazement on the faces of the three gradually grew into shrewd intelligence as they stared into the twinkling eyes of the "old man."

"Tell us what the trouble is with us," requested Berual, "and we'll be the sickest fellows you ever seed in about two flips of the flyin' jib."

"Wall," said the captain, "I ain't as good a liar as I wish I was, but I guess it'll be likely enough if a truck fell and smashed your jaw, Ozarias, fractured your collar-bone and broke Berual's leg, eh?" And the skipper extended a grin from his wrinkles.

"Hain't that putting consid'able responsibility on one truck, cap'n?"

"Ther ain't no telling what a truck will do on a rampage," cheerfully replied the captain.

Forthwith he bundled the toothachy Ozarias into his bunk and made him wrap more elaborate bandages about his head and shoulders.

Then he obliged Berual to remove his trousers, and hastily but neatly he strapped a bit of board upon the cook's leg, bandaging it with strips from his dishcloths.

"I'd kind of like to know the nature of my complaint," broke in Constant Judkins, "so that I can be practicin'."

The captain pondered. "I suppose I might have your arm broken," he said, dubiously. "But one block couldn't very well knock out the whole crew. We've got to have a little variety, for them frog-eaters are suspicious cusses. Ever have yaller janders?" he asked of Judkins.

"No."

"Well, all you've got to do is to lay still and haul your mouth down. I'll daub on a little slush," and the captain skillfully rubbed some of the yellow oil over the mate's face.

"Now look sick, all of you," said the captain as he prepared to go on deck and receive the prize crew. "It'll help you to look sicker if you recollect that the frog eaters have a way of slitting wizens when they suspicion shenanigan."

And he left.

Of the Frenchmen who came over the rail none could talk English, and the captain couldn't talk French. Yes, he could—he could say "Bong shur," but he loftily forebore.

However, when the new arrivals looked around suspiciously for the crew, and unslung their carbines and appeared to apprehend ambush, the captain, with many waves of his hands and much "we-ing," led two of the five below with an air like a rooster gallantly conducting pullets to a worm banquet. In pantomime he explained the sad plight he was in, and his crew groaned dolefully at the proper times. He tried to explain to the Frenchmen how glad he was they had come and taken the Hester at this time of danger. The men didn't seem to grasp that part of the story, however. But the captain didn't care. The prize men were evidently thoroughly convinced that below decks was just the hospital it claimed to be, and after much ineffectual jargon and much gesturing they made the captain understand that he was to stay down and nurse his men. The captain was a good nurse. He must have worked the faith cure on his devoted crew, for in the deep gloom of the dog watch three very determined-looking convalescents sneaked barefooted at his heels as he wormed aft in the shadow of the Hester's bulwark.

The night was made for the enterprise. 'Twas clouded, and from the murk of the west a humming breeze sung in the shrouds and murmured down out of the hollows of the sails. One Frenchman was at the wheel and one pendulumed back and forward at the head of the companionway. Another was doubled up on a coil of rope in the lee of the house and the other two were presumably below. All the men on deck were unarmed, for it wasn't to be supposed that they would lug about an arsenal to protect themselves against a nautical invalids' home. So Capt. Dickey's miraculously healed bodyguard had little trouble in downing and tying all three before their surprise was over.

The only casualty was when a squirming Frenchman trod upon Bernal's bare foot. In his anguish the cook let out a howl that started the two men below on a rush for the deck. They bobbed out of the companion-hatch like two jacks-in-the-box, saw the situation and as quickly jerked themselves back.

They stayed barricaded in the cabin till the schooner came up into Bristol harbor, 24 hours later, with a bone in her mouth and the foam bells tinkling off her rudder. Capt. Dickey would, in the kindness of his heart, have fed the garrison in his cabin on plum duff and salt horse; but every time he tried to explain his wishes through the cabin window they poked their gunbarrels at him. The poor chaps evidently thought their companions had been made way with, and that the bluff-faced old skipper was cajoling them to a similar fate.

"What's your cargo, John, this trip?" roared Job Brismon, from the wharf as he waited to catch the line and fling it over a spiling.

"Rum, molasses, sundries, and Frenchmen," shouted back the captain; "and if you'll bear a hand with a plank we'll unload the Frenchmen fust."

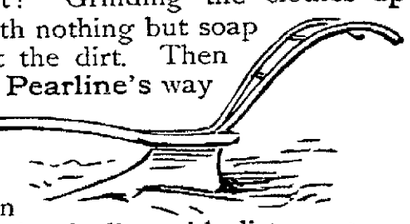
And all Bristol flocked down to fling a sarcastic "polly voo" at Capt. John Dickey's unhappy captives.—Lewiston Journal.

Keeping Broth.

All soups can be preserved in a good condition for some days by taking great care, when freshly made, to skim well, and to remove every particle of fat from the surface. The broth should be kept in a very cool larder and uncovered; in very hot weather it should be strained every day, and poured into a perfectly clean vessel.—Albany Journal.

With a sharp stick.

you can turn up the dirt and get ground ready for planting—but what a clumsy, slow, laborious, ineffective way of going to work! Not much more so, though, than the old-fashioned way of washing. Think of it! Grinding the clothes up and down on a wash-board, with nothing but soap and main strength to get out the dirt. Then think how simple and easy is Pearline's way—soaking, boiling, rinsing. You need Pearline for all your washing and cleaning. You need something better than soap or a sharp stick when you're dealing with dirt. 516



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Western Trains Late.

St. Louis, Jan. 6.—Every train arrived at Union station late this morning, owing to the severe storm that had covered the whole Mississippi valley. The heavy rains of the past two days have flooded all the streams and washouts delayed travel on the Iron Mountain and the 'Frisco roads. The succeeding clear and cold weather has, however, been of benefit.

Maine Legislature.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 6.—At the republican caucus of the house of representatives last night Seth L. Larrahee of Portland was nominated for speaker. The republicans of the senate nominated Albert R. Day of Corrina for president. Most of the old officers of both branches were also renominated. The democrats held no caucuses.

Massachusetts To Be Represented.

Boston, Jan. 6.—A special meeting of the executive council of the Massachusetts board of trade was held yesterday afternoon at the Parker house. The advisability of having the board represented at the monetary convention at Indianapolis was considered and President Adams was elected a delegate to that conference

Shot Himself Through the Brain.

New Haven, Conn., Jan 6.—Charles H. Bradley, aged 20 committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the brain. He was injured in an explosion in the priming department at the Winchester factory a month ago and was discharged. Temporary mental derangement caused the deed

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Won by an American.

Monte Carlo, Jan. 6.—An exciting pigeon shooting match was held here yesterday between Mr. Robinson, an American, and Mr. Beresford, an Englishman. The match, which was for £100 a side, 100 birds, was won by Mr. Robinson, who killed 95 birds. Mr. Beresford killed 91.

Shirt Company Incorporated.

Albany, Jan. 6.—The Orange Shirt company of Troy to manufacture collars, cuffs, shirts and other garments, has been incorporated: capital, $50,000, and directors C. F. Crosby, F. T. Platt, F. M. Eecke and T. H. Magill of Troy.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot weaker, with fair export inquiry. Jan., 91½c.; May, 89½c.; July, 85½c.

Corn—Spot quiet and easier. Jan., 29½c.; May, 31½c.

Oats—Market quiet; prices steady. May, 23½c.

Eggs—Market steady and firmer. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 19@21c.; ice house, 14@15c.; western, fresh, 18@19c.; limed, 13@14½; southern, 17½@18½c.; in case, $1.50@$3.30.

Pork—Market steady; trade easy. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, $9.00@10.50; mess, $8.25@8.75; family, $9.25@10.50.

Lard—Steady; moderate demand. Prime western, $4.07½.

Butter—Market quiet; fair demand. Creamery western extras, 20½c.; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 19@20c.; creamery, western seconds, 16c.; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fresh factory, 13c.; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made extras, 18@19c.; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 11@16c.; western factory, firsts to extras, 8½@11c.

Cheese—Market steady. State, full cream, large size, fall made, colored, 10½c.; large, common to choice, part skims, 3½@7½c.

Potatoes—Market firm; good supply. Long Island, in bulk, per barrel, $1.25@1.37; New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, $0@1.01.12.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

Obtains Coffee Direct from the Plantations.

The British Government formerly brought the coffee intended for the army direct from the coffee plantations in Java and the term "Old Gov't Java" is familiar to all.

P. M. Hanney now manager of the grocery department of the great house of Siegel, Cooper & Co., Chicago, was located in Java for about nine years, purchasing coffee for Her Majesty's troops and his ability to judge of the quality and flavor of coffee will hardly be questioned.

Experts of Tea, Coffee, Tobacco and Whiskey are not always free users of the article they judge so keenly of. Indeed the reverse is frequetly true.

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THE BEARD IN HISTORY.

Pogonotomy, or the Gentle Art of Self-Shaving.

The practice of pognonotomy, the barbers say, is every year becoming more and more widespread. Pognonotomy is what the Greeks used to call the gentle art of self-shaving. Some people shave themselves because they wish to save time, others to save money. But the fashion of going smooth shaven is steadily increasing, and it is quite probable that within another five years beards and mustaches will be still less in vogue than they are to-day.

The decadence of the beard among civilized races and the reason for its disappearance are interesting things to trace. Long ago a luxuriant beard was thought to betoken a high degree of holiness or wisdom. Even now the believers of the Koran reverence the beard, and swear by that of their prophet. But it would seem that in this very idolatry of the beard lay the cause of its downfall, for the possessor of a handsome beard was prone to vanity, and was likely to spend so much time in decorating it that he ran the risk of neglecting more important matters. So the church and state, then closely joined, declared against it. The French swells of less than 200 years ago used to crimp their beards, twine them with threads of gold and hang them with pearls. Philip of Valois, who was one of the leaders of fashion of his day, used to tie golden acorns to his beard. The result was the popes and monarchs began to issue bulls and edicts against hirsute appendages, sometimes with temporary effect, and sometimes with none at all. Pope Leo IX. and Gregory VII. anathematized the beard, and this means that they cursed it, root and branch, for a papal anathema in those days was something sweeping and terrible.

In the army the first reason for abolishing the beard was that of cleanliness. Up to the time of Alexander the Great the Greeks were a bearded people, but that ruler made every one of his Grecian soldiers shave. The Romans, too, made shaving obligatory in the army, and there were few beards or none among the civilians. The beard was then considered to be the characteristic feature of the barbarian. The first Roman whom history records as having shaved every day was Scipio, the conqueror of Africa. In later times Peter the Great of Russia made an attempt to banish the beards from his half-civilized dominions, but achieved only an incomplete victory, and at one time even endangered his throne by the maintenance of his decree. William the Conqueror was another great commander who would have no beards about his court or among his soldiers. In France in 1553 all the lawyers were forced to go clean shaven, and eight years later the clerks lost their beards by law.

And so the barber's trade has grown, but now they themselves acknowledge that their ranks are swelling faster than those of their customers. In times of financial prosperity the barbers' pockets bulge with coin, but when business is depressed, they say, their customers by the score shave themselves.

No one would think of making the modern barber a hero of romance, like the barbers who flit through the pages of the "Arabian Nights," or "Gil Blas." It would be hard to fancy that the ancestor of the man who shaves you to-day and tries to force on strangers all sorts of tonics for the hair and other costly and impossible things was perhaps he who inspired the shears that subdued Samson.—N. Y. Sun.

WHAT OUR FAIR DID.

Taught the People the Lesson of Enthusiasm and Appreciation.

It is but a couple of years since the vision of the White City of Chicago ended in flame and smoke or vanished before the rains of winter, and yet already the dream is materializing, the phenix has risen from the ashes by Lake Michigan to fly from city to city, wherein the plaster and stucco of the Columbian palaces are becoming enduring stone, says Scribner's. The great educational institutions have opened the way, not only with plan, but also with realization, with colleges in New York, and the beautiful library of Boston, and with the huge and magnificent pile which has arisen beside the national capitol.

But although some of these buildings were projected and designed before the world's fair grew into being the latter has taught to the people that shall visit them the lesson of enthusiasm and appreciation: above all, of that enthusiasm which results in a common direction, of that interappreciation which results in harmony. Harmony was the great lesson of the Columbian city: the architects joined hands, and in the court of honor each of the great buildings assumed greater beauty and significance from the fellowship of the charming palaces that surrounded it.

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You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear at a Special Term of the County Court, for the county of Orange, State of New York, to be holden at the Court House, in the village of Goshen, Orange county, New York, on the twenty sixth day of January, 1897, at ten o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why a final settlement of the accounts of William B. Royce, Assignee of above named William T. Wallace, insolvent debtor, should not be had, and if no cause be shown, then to attend the final settlement of the Assignee's account.

In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto caused the seal of the said County Court of the county of Orange, State of New York, to be hereunto affixed. Witness Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of said county, this 2d day of November, 1896.

[L. S.]

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TUESDAY, JAN. 5, 1897.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Gov. Black's first message, transmitted to the Legislature, to-day, is a very commonplace document. It has the merit of dealing with nothing but State subjects, but it shows no grasp of State affairs and the recommendations which it makes are in the main trite and trivial.

The Governor says that despite the hard times the finances of the State are in good condition, but every reasonable effort should be made to lower the tax rate. As a means to that end he suggests that appropriations for special purposes be made only on the report of the State departments as to their necessity. The prison problem is acknowledged to be a difficult one. Work must be provided at once, says the Governor, but the only suggestion he has to offer is that possibly short term convicts may be employed in roadmaking.

The work of the Banking and Insurance Departments is commended and the labor question is discussed in a perfunctory way that leads to no useful or practical conclusion. A State cruiser is suggested for the Naval Reserve and it is advised that the chief executive officer of the National Guard be made a permanent officer, not subject to change after every election. With the disclosures of Gen. McLeave first in mind the Governor is constrained to admit that "the lustre shed upon the Governor by his staff might be dispensed with without loss of his dignity or danger to the State."

The frequency of accidents at crossings is the one thing in the railroad situation that worries the Governor but he don't see how it can be remedied unless the Legislature inquires into the matter through a commission.

The Governor admits that the farmers of the State are in hard luck and he advises that they be helped out by liberal appropriations for the commission of agriculture. The need of better roads is conceded but no way in which they can be secured is proposed.

The new capitol comes in for sharp criticism as a nest of jobbery and corruption. Its early completion by contract is advised, as is also the vigorous prosecution of the work of canal improvement.

The Lunacy Commission has already hypnotised the Governor and he commends the cost in managing the State hospitals for the insane.

The more rigid enforcement of the compulsory education law is declared to be necessary and the establishment of a system of truant schools is suggested.

Excise legislation, the most important question that can come before the legislature, is dismissed in half a dozen lines in which he says that the amendments needed to the Raines law are obvious to all.

The Governor sneers at civil service reform which prevents a complete Republicanizing of the State government, declares the preservation of the forests has been too long neglected and concludes with an appeal to the legislature to pass no acts that are not absolutely necessary and go home at the earliest possible moment.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A Non-Suit Granted in the Baking Powder Case—Two Town of Greenville Farm Cases.

GOSHEN, Jan. 6.—Court sat until 7 o'clock, last night, when plaintiff in the baking powder case rested. Defendants moved for a non-suit on the ground that the boxes were not guaranteed and that although their agent, when he induced plaintiff to investigate the boxes made some sort of a guarantee, no dealings took place then and all subsequent transactions took place directly between the parties without the agent's intervention. The non-suit was granted and the case dismissed.

Promptly at 9 o'clock, this morning, the case of Martin V. Sigler vs. Ransom Wilcox was called and a jury impanelled. The case involves the settlement of a farm account. Mr. Sigler occupied for three years Mr. Wilcox's farm in the town of Greenville and during that time there was a running account between them. The case has been in court before when a judgment was rendered in Mr. Sigler's favor, but Mr. Wilcox's attorney afterwards convinced Judge Gaynor that the jury had overlooked a note of $245 given by Mr. Sigler to Mr. Wilcox in their computation of the balance due and he ordered a new trial to determine whether the note had been paid or not, all other issues being excluded.

Mr Wilcox laid stress on a memorandum, not produced at the former trial because it had been mislaid and could not be found, which showed that in a settlement of accounts this note for $245 had not been included. The opposing side contended that the memorandum had been manufactured since the former trial and was a fraud.

Judge Hirschberg wrote out the question at issue and gave the paper to the jury telling them to answer yes or no.

The jury found that the note had not been included in the judgment rendered at the former trial and the judgment was opened and a final judgment entered for the balance between the amount of the original judgment and the face of the note, about $20 or $25.

Henry Wulstein vs. Carl Schirmer, another town of Greenville farm case, was then called.

OBITUARY.

Henry R. Corwin.

Henry R. Corwin, who went to Hot Springs, Ark., about six weeks ago in the hope that the baths would benefit him and to avoid the severity of the winter here, died there at 4 o'clock, yesterday afternoon. The cause of death was an affection of the spine, complicated by rheumatism, both of which were aggravated, if not caused, by an attack of the grip from which he suffered five years ago.

Mr. Corwin was a son of B. W. and Sophia Roberts Corwin and was born at New Vernon, this county, April 17, 1836. His father died in this city in April, 1869, and his mother at Mr. Corwin's home on Wisner avenue April 21, 1892. He was the fifth of a family of seven children: Elizabeth, the oldest, who died in infancy; Adaline A. Seybolt, who died three years ago, and Helen M. Penny, who died two years ago, both at the home of Mr. Corwin; Sophronia M., wife of Col. George Beyea, of New Vernon; John E., the banker, and Spencer W. Corwin, of this city.

Mr. Corwin was raised on a farm and when seventeen years old came to Middletown and became a clerk for his uncle, Henry P. Roberts, who was in the lumber business on North street, where Ira M. Corwin's store now is. He remained here five years and then went to Cincinnati where he engaged in the lumber business on his own account, conducting it successfully until 1889, when he disposed of his interests and returned to Middletown. In 1890 he built a fine residence on the farm which he purchased on the eastern outskirts of the city and has since resided there.

Mr. Corwin was a man of the strictest integrity in all his business dealings and social relations. He had a most hearty contempt for trickery or double dealing of any sort. He was kind hearted and loving in his nature and many children in this city will miss "Uncle Harry's" kindly greetings. He was devotedly attached to his mother and after her death, which was followed by those of his sisters, felt that he had lost all that was best.

The body will be brought here for interment and the time of the funeral will be announced when it is known at what time the body will reach here.

Mrs. Etta Van Duzer Fuller.

A telegram received by friends, to-day, announces the death, in Danbury, Conn., this morning, of Mrs. Etta Van Duzer, wife of Granville H. Fuller.

She had been ill with lung trouble for the past two years and her relatives in this city, were not altogether unprepared for the sad news.

Mrs. Fuller was born in this city and grew to womanhood here where she had a large circle of friends who will learn of her death with sincere sorrow.

She was the eldest daughter of Isaac F. Van Duzer, superintendent of the city water works. She was married to Mr. Fuller about ten years ago and seven years ago they removed to Danbury, Conn., where they have since resided. One child, a daughter, was born to them who died about two years ago.

She is survived by her husband, her father, and two sisters, Lizzie, wife of Capt. A. E. McIntyre, and Kittie, at home.

The funeral will take place Friday, at 2 p. m. The body will be buried beside her daughter in Danbury.

CROSSED WITH A LIVE WIRE.

An Electric Light Wire in Contact With a Telephone Wire Sends a Current Into the Central—110 Fuses Burned Out.

Linemen of the Electric Light Co., while at work on Hanford street, this forenoon, allowed a live wire to fall on the return wire of the Orange County Telephone Co. and instantly there was a crash, a napping as if pistols and a blue flame in the switch board at the Central office, and many telephones on that circuit announced that something unusual was the matter and were rendered useless for the time being.

On investigation Superintendent Otis found that 110 fuses had been burned out at the switch board. He began to repair damages and has most of the wires in working order again. It is not known that any of the instruments were damaged, but some of them may be.

Now that the Electric Light Co. is running a day circuit linemen cannot be too careful.

A Gift to Beacon Hose.

J. J. Bryant, who recently presented to Eagle Hose Co. a portrait of Chief Engineer Thorpe, at the same time had made a portrait of Chief Engineer Al. Bryant, of the Matteawan department, and, last evening, he and Alanson Stevens went to Matteawan and presented the portrait to Beacon Hose Co., who were Eagle's guests at the firemen's parade.

Wedding Invitations.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Muir have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Louisa Almira, and Benjamin Forrest Stevens, Monday evening, Jan. 18th, at their residence, 59 Mulberry street.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Increasing Interest in the Union Meetings—Large Congregation Yesterday.

There was a very large congregation at the union meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, yesterday, the church being almost filled, and apparently more than the usual interest is felt this year in these services.

Rev. J. W. Norris, of the North Street Congregational Church, had charge of the services. The opening prayer was made by Rev. Dr. Beattie, of the Second Presbyterian Church, after which Rev. Mr. Norris delivered an address on the subject of the day, "The church universal."

After a hymn had been sung Rev. Dr. Robinson of the First Congregational Church offered prayer, then remarks were made by John H. Millspaugh and William H. Newman offered a prayer.

The subject for this afternoon's services is "Nations and their Rulers." The meeting is in charge of Rev. Dr. Robinson.

Funeral of Mrs. VanBlarcom.

The funeral services of Mrs. Catherine VanBlarcom were held at the Old Ladies Home, on South street at 10 o'clock, this morning. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. Music was kindly furnished by a choir, consisting of Mrs. J. E. Iseman, Mrs. W. T. Eaton, D. E. Eilenberger and S. D. Hampson. The body was interred in the cemetery at Phillipsburgh.

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FULLER—At Danbury, Conn., Jan. 6th '97 Etta VanDuzer, wife of Granville H. Fuller, aged thirty-five years.

GILMORE—In this city Jan. 5th, '97, Martha Gilmore, widow of the late Jeremiah Gilmore, aged eighty-two years, one month, seven days. Funeral Thursday, from the residence of Sylvanus G. Ogden, No 149 Wickham avenue, at two o'clock. Interment in family plot, Scotchtown.

CRANCE—In this city, at 35½ Lake avenue, Jan. 5th '97, Rebecca F., wife of John F Crance, aged sixty-four years. Funeral and interment at Wurtsboro, on arrival of train, Thursday noon.

VAIL—In this city, Jan. 5th, '97, Margaret M Vail, aged seventy years. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock, at the residence of N. T. Smith, No 141 West Main street. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

WARREN—At 115 South street, Jan 5th, '97, of acute pneumonia, Harriet Door Warren, aged seventy years. Funeral Wednesday, at 1:15 p. m., at late residence, 115 South street. Interment in Trinity Cemetery, New York city, Thursday.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Generally fair to-night and Thursday; westerly winds; colder to-night with moderate cold wave.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., **29°**; 12 m., **28°**; 3 p. m., **36°**.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Jan. 8—"Town Talk," at Casino.
—Jan. 14—Printer's ball (masquerade), at Assembly Rooms.
—Jan. 15, 29—Bachelor Club hops.
—Jan. 21—Monhagen Hose Co.'s "stag," at truck house.
—Feb. 1-6—McQuoid Engine Co.'s fair, at Assembly Rooms.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Meeting of stockholders, Middletown Gas and Electric Light Co., Jan. 20th.
—Town of Wallkill, collector's notice.
—See adv. of Middletown, Unionville and Water Gap Railroad Company.
—Correct time watches at C. J. Giering's.
—See card Prof. Louis Jester.
—Copies proceedings Board of Supervisors wanted.
—Fresh sausage, bologna at City Delicatessen
—Store room to let.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—The fixtures for the Merchants and Manufacturers' bank arrived, this morning.

—Don't fail to hear and see "Town Talk in McFadden's Row of Flats" at the Casino, Friday evening.

—The ladies interested in McQuoid Engine Company's fair, will meet at the engine house, to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, to perfect their arrangements.

—Paterson's Board of Aldermen will institute legal proceedings against the Erie to compel it to put in bridges at two streets in that city.

—The music for the birthday party to be given by Mrs. Z. Johnson, near Scotchtown, this evening, will be by J. J. Coleman instead of by Harvey Brown as pereviously published.

—Dr. M. C. Ashley has presented Mrs. Ashley a with $600 Mehlin piano purchased at Munn's Music store. Those fortunate ones who attended the very enjoyable concert lately given at the First Presbyterian Church by Mrs. J. Antoinette Fuller-Cox and listened to the full sweet tones of this piano will surely be forgiven if they envy Mrs. Ashley her beautiful present. d11

PERSONAL.

—S. Burnett, of New York, proprietor of the East Main street shoe store, is in town, to-day.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Tinney, of Jersey City, are visiting relatives in town.

—Alex Sparks, who is employed in I. Crans' Sons bottling establishment, is confined to his bed with a severe cold.

—William Houston, of Middletown, who has been spending a week or more with friends in town, returned to his home, Tuesday afternoon.—*Port Jervis Gazette.*

—Miss Edith C. Royce and her friend, Miss Norris, who spent part of the holiday vacation with her, returned, to-day, to Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass.

—Thomas Dugan, of Reading Pa., formerly a resident of this city and foreman of the finishing room of the Wallkill Hat Works, arrived in town, this morning, and is calling on his many friends.

—Mrs. E. G. Hoitt, of Marlboro, Mass., who has been visiting her relatives in this village for the past week, left town, Monday, for Middletown, N. Y., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. James H. Harding, returning to Marlboro the last of the week.—*Port Jervis Gazette.*

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bull, left town, this morning, on Erie train 38, for New York, from which place they will start, this evening, for Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Horton Vail left on a later train and will also go to Jacksonville, to-night. All expect to spend the remainder of the winter in the south.

THE CAKE WALK.

A Successful Affair—Philadelphians Awarded the Cake.

There was a fair attendance at the cake walk at the Assembly Rooms, last night. Roescher's orchestra furnished music and dancing was indulged in until 3 o'clock, this morning.

Four couples entered the contest for the cake. There were Frank Butler and wife, of Philadelphia, Alex. Gale and Miss Lilian Johnson and George Williams and Eni Jackson the names of whose partners we have been unable to learn. The cake was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Butler.

The cake was then put by Mr. and Mrs. Butler and was awarded to Mr. Gale and Miss Johnson.

TO START A RAILROAD PAPER.

The Journalistic Venture Which Two O. and W. Employes Are Planning.

A project is on foot to establish a weekly railroad journal in this city, at an early day. Two employes of the O. and W. shops, Charles S. Miles and James McGarvey will launch the enterprise, the former as business manager and the latter as editor. The paper will be devoted to the interests of railroad men, and is expected to serve a large circulation berween Weehawken and Oswego.

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THE KILLING OF LOUIS HRONECK

His Father Acknowledges the Receipt of the Body—Strange Delay in Giving the Particulars of His Son's Death.

Knapp & Merritt, last night, received a letter from Charles Hroneck, of Newport, Ky., acknowledging the receipt of the body of his son, Louis Hroneck, who was killed at the Summit, Dec. 29th, and which was shipped from here on the following Sunday. He expressed surprise at finding the body in such excellent condition and was profuse in his thanks for the good work and kindness of the firm. He also asked for some information as to how his son's death occurred.

Although the man was killed more than a week ago and before he became unconscious gave his name and father's address to Conductor Barnum and the trainmen and asked them to telegraph his father, at the same time saying he had money enough in his pockets to pay for the message, which was true, no word was sent to the young man's parents until after the inquest was held. Even the coroner, who might have notified the man's friends was not given his name until it came out at the inquest forty-eight hours after the accident happened, and, at this late day all that the father knows of his son's death was the statement in a letter sent by Knapp & Merritt to the effect that he was killed by the cars.

Copies of papers containing an account of the accident and the inquest will be sent to Mr. Hroneck by Knapp & Merritt at once.

THE CLAM BAKE SUIT.

Set Down for To-day, But Plaintiffs at the Last Moment Allege Sickness as an Excuse for Delay.

The suit of Frank H. Benjamin, of Brooklyn, vs. Cuno Musbach, familiarly known here as the clam bake suit, was set down for trial at Goshen, to-day. Last night, Mr. Musbach's counsel, M. J. Donovan, Esq., received two telegrams announcing that the plaintiff's could not come and a letter was received, this morning, stating that sickness prevented the appearance of plaintiffs.

This action was brought to recover for putting up a clam bake at Midway Park, last summer, which is well remembered by the hundreds of people, who attended on account of their great disappointment as the food was not fit to eat. The man sent here by Benjamin to make the bake got drunk and spoiled the noon bake and was driven out of the park by Mr. Musbach.

Benjamin brought suit in Brooklyn, but Mr. Musbach brought a counter action for damages and secured a change of venue to Orange county. It is believed the failure of the plaintiff to appear today is merely an excuse for delay in the hope of getting a change of venue again.

Mr. Musbach had subpœnaed a large number of witnesses, among them some of the best citizens of Middletown, who can testify to the kind of clam bake put up by Benjamin's man.

First Baptist Church Special Meetings

The meeting, last evening, was greatly enjoyed. The pastor gave an address on the topic, "What is it to be christian?" Earnest testimonies and prayers followed and when an oppertunity for seekers to express a desire to begin the Christian life was given several came forward. The attendance, last evening, was so large that it is necessary to use the auditorium to accommodate the people, and the meeting, this evening, will be held in the auditorium at 7.30. The topic of pastor's address will be "Why should I be a christian?" A hearty invitation is extended to all especially to those who desire to become Christians. Come and welcome.

Special Meeting of the Board of Trade

A special meeting of the Board of Trade is to be held, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to consider the advisability of sending a delegate or delegates to the Monetary Convention at Indianapolis.

A Burglar Caught Red-Handed.

Gilbert Crone, a clerk in J. B. Westbrook's store at Dingman's, Pa., was passing the store, about 1 o'clock, Tuesday morning, when he saw a light in the store. He went in and found a young man whom he recognized as William Holden, living a few miles from Dingman's, who had a quantity of goods piled up ready for removal. Holden surrendered when Crone called on him to do so and is now in Milford jail.

A Dutchess County Prize Fighter in Jail

William Catskill, who knocked out Daniel Flanagan, at Low Point, Dutchess county, early Sunday morning, has been arrested and is now in the Poughkeepsie jail, awaiting the result of the injuries to Flanagan, whose condition is not improved.

Monhagen's "Stag" Party.

The committee of Monhagen Hose Co., appointed to take charge of the "stag," decided to hold it at the hose house on the evening of January 21st. A clam bake will be the principal feature of the event.

A Game Supper.

John H. McCune, proprietor of the Cooper Institute Hotel, gave a game supper to a party of gentlemen friends at the Wallkill River House, last night.

A Fine Beef.

John Stack, of Thompson Ridge, sold yesterday, to G. W. Clark, the South street marketman, a two-year-old steer which dressed eight hundred pounds.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Of Capt. Jackson Post and Its Women's Relief Corps.

Capt. Jackson Post, No. 301, G. A. R., installed its recently elected officers, last night, the ceremonies being conducted by Past Commander C. R. Smith. The officers of the Women's Relief Corps, of the Post, were also installed.

One recruit was elected, Lieut. John W. Houston, Co. D., 124th Vols., of Bellvale, N. Y., a past commander of Warwick Post. After the meeting a supper was served by the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps.

Among the guests present were the following from Gen. Lyon Post: Commander J. T. Ogden, S. V. C. J. D. Adams, Q. M., D. H. Keeler, Jr., and Comrades Coddington, Johnson, Force, Nichols and Hirst.

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J. V. P.—Mrs. Fannie E. Keeler.
Sec.—Mrs. Kate Lewis.
Treas.—Mrs. Emma Gottwald.
Chaplain—Mrs. Susie F. Reed.
Cond.—Mrs. Frances A. Brown.
Asst. Cond.—Mrs. Alida Lutes.

DOINGS OF THE 24TH.

Four New Members Elected—The January Hop—A Game of Basket Ball—Indoors Base Ball.

—At a meeting of the 24th Separate Company held after drill, last evening, the following new members were elected: William James Loane, Louis E. Mills, Christian G. Walters, William A. McCrea and James A. Wood. The membership now numbers 99, leaving only five vacancies.

—The company will hold its January hop, Friday evening, 22d inst.

—The rifle range will be open, Thursday evening, for all who are entitled to shoot for qualification as sharpshooters.

Basket ball has become very popular and a game is in progress nearly every evening. A match game was played last evening between the following: Colwell, Wengenroth, F. Paret, W. F. Bailey and C. Shafer, against Dickerson, Thompson, French, Cummings and Townsend. The former team was successful by a score of 9 to 2. The armory was crowded with spectators.

—The winners of last night's game have been challenged by Capt. Bannister's team, which holds the armory championship, the game to be played next Tuesday evening, Jan. 12.

—A game of indoor baseball will be ployed this evening, between two evenly matched teams.

New Trustees for M. U. and W. G. Mortgage to Be Appointed.

As will be seen by notice published elsewhere, the Middletown, Unionville and Water Gap Railroad Co. has begun proceedings to have Cornelius C. Cuyler and Gustav Kissell substituted as trustees of the second mortgage of the company in place of the original trustees, John C. Dinmick, deceased, and Joshua Draper, resigned.

A Native of Orange County.

Wm. Jerome, author of "My Pearl is a Bowery Girl," "He Never Came Back" and many other popular songs, is a native of Cornwall, N. Y. He will appear at the Casino, Friday evening, in "Town Talk in McFadden's Row of Flats."

Salt Trains to Stop Here.

The salt trains which will pass through this city on the Erie, to-morrow morning, will be run in four sections over this division and will stop at this station three or four minutes for inspection by the public. The Erie official car, No. 993, will be attached to the last section.

Ministers' Association at Port Jervis.

The clergymen of Port Jervis and vicinity, held a meeting, Monday, at which the preliminary steps were taken for the organization of a ministerial association for the discussion of topics connected with their work.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

Dikeman Hose Co.'s Election—Well Attended Prayer Meetings.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—At the regular meeting of Dikeman Hose, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—C. E. Wright.
Foreman—Frank Foy.
1st Asst.—Henry Miller, Jr.
2nd Asst.—Thos. Kane.
Treasurer—Thos. Farrell.
Rec. Sec.—Frank E. Larkin.
Fin. Sec.—Chas. Purcell.
Stewart—John Cropsy.

Fred W. Wood was elected an active member. It was decided to hold another social in the parlors Jan. 14.

—The nightly services of prayer in the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are very well attended.

SWALLOWED HIS FALSE TEETH.

The Annoying Experience of a State Hospital Attendant.

Frank Bloomer, an attendant in the State Hospital, while taking a nap, Saturday afternoon, had the bad luck to swallow his false teeth.

Sunday and Monday he felt such a gnawing in his stomach that he thought the case was serious and yesterday he went to Port Jervis, his former home, to consult Dr. Swartwout, having apparently more faith in him than in the hospital doctors, whose specialty is addled brains and who have only a general knowledge of teeth in the stomach.

Dr. Swartwout told him what the hospital doctors had already told him that he need give himself no concern for the acids of the stomach would dissolve the rubber plate and he would suffer no serious inconvenience. Mr. Bloomer returned to the hospital much comforted and is at work, to-day, just as if his teeth were in their proper place.

M'QUOID ENGINE CO.'S FAIR.

Over Three Hundred Articles Already Donated by Middletown Merchants.

About three hundred different articles, among them many of very considerable value, have been donated to McQuoid Engine Company for the fair, which will begin February 1st. It is needless to say the McQuoids are grateful for the generosity.

A feature of the fair will be a contest for a gold watch to be presented to the employe of the Traction Company receiving the largest number of votes. There will be music and dancing each evening. Single admission, 10 cents; season tickets, 50 cents.

A Farm Barn Burned.

A large barn on the farm in the Hulsetown neighborhood of the town of Blooming Grove, owned by Mrs. Edmondson, of Chester, and occupied by Bernard Murphy, was destroyed by fire at noon on New Years Day. The cows, thirty-five in number, were saved, but forty tons of hay, a carload of seed and other property were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated from the heating of a quantity of seed. Mr. Murphy's loss is about $1,200 and he was not insured. The loss on the barn is about $1,200.

Engagements Announced at Warwick

Warwick Correspondence of Newburgh Journal

Announcements were made last week of the engagements of John W. Sanford to Miss Bertha Furman, Frank H. Arnoux to Miss Bertha Smith of Troy Hills, N. J. and Ralph Quackenbush to Miss Eve Smith.

A Church Mortgage Burned.

A very interesting service was held in the Warwick M. E. Church, New Year's eve, in celebration of the payment of the church debt and the bond and mortgage for $1,600, which has been existance for years, was burned.

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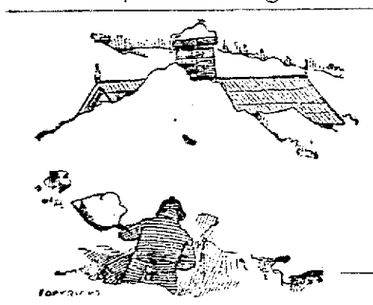

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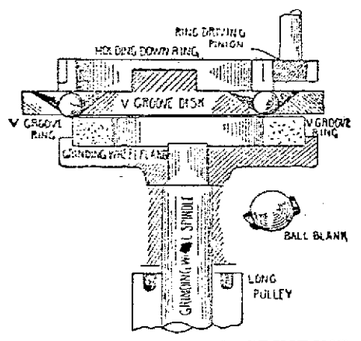
The process of making a complete steel ball from the blank is described in the American Machinist, which says that the making of these balls in this country is in the hands of three companies, all of them east. In short, the process of making the balls is as follows:

The first "blank" is either forged out of a steel bar with a steam hammer or is turned out by an automatic screw machine, leaving the blank in the shape of a roughly shaped sphere, with two little nibs, one opposite the other, as shown in the illustration. In this form it, with numerous others like it, is fed into the rough grinding machine, where it is started on its way toward the perfect sphere. No attempt is made to cut off the little necks or nibs before the blank is fed into the machine, for the grinding stone soon eats them away.

The principal part of the rough-grinding machine consists of a "holding-down" ring, which keeps the balls in the V-shaped channel which runs around the "groove" disk. Below the groove disk is the grinding wheel, the whole supported on a vertical shaft. The ball blanks are placed in the circular, open-bottomed V-groove, with a flat revolving ring over them, thus giving the blanks three points of bearing by which they are supported, so that the bottom line of the blanks projects a very small distance below the bottom face of the circular ring and the circular disk.

Below the ring is the grinding wheel, which is so supported that it can be "fed" up to the work by the most delicate kind of a feeding device, and is so arranged that the balls travel over the entire face of the wheel. After the rough balls are placed in the machine, the top ring is put down on them, the grinding wheel is fed up to touch the balls and the grinding begins. At first the sparks come in spits and flashes, but soon there is a steady stream of fire, whirling like a ring of sparks, which indicates that the balls have been ground to spheres.

The machine then is stopped, and the balls are taken out and measured by a micrometer gauge. The rough grinding is continued until the balls have been ground down to the required size which is within one-thousandth inch of the polished and finished ball. The rough balls are taken to the inspector's table, where they are examined for imperfections. Each inspector uses a shallow tray made of pine and finished with shellac varnish. Enough balls are placed in the tray to cover two-thirds of the bottom.



MACHINE FOR BALL GRINDING.

The inspector gives his tray a twist and a turn, which changes the position of every ball and brings them all up close together. Then he holds the tray in such a position that the lights reflect from them. If the balls are round there is a ring of reflected light from each one of them, but any imperfection in the form of a ball distorts the reflection, and thus betrays the imperfect ball. Such is lifted from the tray with a magnetized steel pencil, and the selection is carried on until none but perfect balls remain in the tray.

The perfect balls then go to the polishing machine, where they are placed in a groove similar to that in the rough grinding machine, and are covered by a gray iron ring, but otherwise the two machines are entirely different, for there is no grinding wheel in the polishing machine. The balls are polished with oil and fine emery, and every few minutes the operator stops the machine to measure samples of the balls, and this is kept up until the polished balls are of the exact size required.

The next step in the process is to harden the balls. This is done by giving them an oil temper. They first are heated in an iron vessel, which is constantly kept in motion, so that the balls will be evenly heated. When the proper temperature has been reached, the balls are suddenly dropped into oil, and thus receiving temper which makes them hard.

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W. H. FOSTER,
30 East Main Street.

SUPREME Court of the State of New York—In the matter of the mortgage or deed of trust of the Middletown, Unionville and Water Gap Railroad Company to John C. Dimmick and Joshua Draper.

It appearing to my satisfaction by the petition of the Middletown, Unionville and Water Gap Railroad Company, verified the second day of January, 1871, and the affidavit of Daniel C. Duseubery, verified the 16th day of December, 1896, annexed to said petition, that on or about the first day of December, 1897, the said Middletown, Unionville and Water Gap Railroad Company, as party of the first part, the New York and Oswego Midland Railroad Company, as party of the second part, and John C. Dimmick and Joshua Draper, as trustees, parties of the third part, made, executed and delivered their mortgage or deed of trust to secure the payment of certain bonds issued by the said party of the first part, Middletown, Unionville and Water Gap Railroad Company, and that said John C. Dimmick, one of said trustees, departed this life on or about the 11th of May, 1875, and that said Joshua Draper, the other of said trustees, has executed his resignation as such trustee, which resignation bears date the 18th day of December, 1896, and is annexed to said petition, and it also appearing to my satisfaction from said petition that an aggregate of one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) dollars of said bonds, to be secured by said mortgage or deed of trust, was issued, negotiated and delivered, and are now held by divers persons, and that the names of the present holders of said bonds are unknown to said petitioner, and it also appearing to my satisfaction that Cornelius C. Cuyler and Gustav E. Kissel, both of the city of New York, are suitable and proper persons to be appointed and substituted as trustees in place and stead of said John C. Dimmick, deceased, and said Joshua Draper, resigned, and that said petitioner has duly appointed them as substituted trustees by an instrument in writing and by virtue of a resolution of its Board, subject to the approval of this Court.

Now on reading said petition, said affidavit of Daniel C. Duseubery and said resignation of Joshua Draper, as such trustee, and

On motion of Leopold Wallach, attorney for said petitioner,

Ordered that the holders of the bonds secured by said mortgage or deed of trust and all other parties having an interest in or under said mortgage or deed of trust, show cause, if any they have, at a Special Term of the Supreme Court, appointed to be held in and for the county of Orange, at the city of Newburgh in said county, on the 6th day of February, 1897, why the said Cornelius C. Cuyler and Gustav E. Kissel should not be appointed and substituted as trustees under said mortgage or deed of trust in the place and stead of said John C. Dimmick and Joshua Draper, resigned, upon the filing in the office of this Court of a consent by said Cornelius C. Cuyler and Gustav Kissel duly acknowledged, accepting their appointment as such substituted trustees and covenanting to act as trustees under the said mortgage or deed of trust, and upon the filing of an instrument in writing, executed by said petitioner, appointing said Cornelius C. Cuyler and Gustav Kissel as such substituted trustees and of a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors of said petitioner authorizing such appointment, and do further

Order and direct that notice of the application for the appointment of such substituted trustees be given to the beneficiaries under said mortgage or deed of trust by the publication of this order twice a week for two weeks in the Brooklyn Eagle, a newspaper published in the city of Brooklyn, Kings county, and State of New York, and in the MIDDLETOWN ARGUS, a newspaper published in the city of Middletown, in the county of Orange, in said State, and that such publication shall be deemed sufficient service of this order and of the proceeding thereunder to said bondholders and all other parties interested in or under said mortgage or deed of trust.

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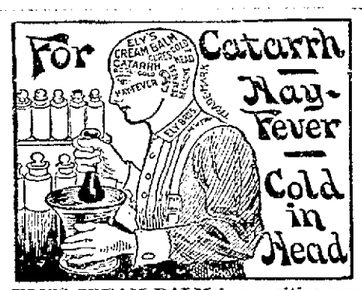

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IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Eveline Decker, late of the town of Minisink, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at her place of residence, in the town of Greenville, on or before the 20th day of March next.

Dated September 8th, 1896.

MINNIE CLARK, Executrix.

C. W. COLEMAN, Attorney for Executrix, Goshen, N. Y. w'TuthMch15

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The Famous Lawyer Wants to Succeed Senator David B. Hill.

Joseph Hodges Choate, whose friends believe he would make a first-rate representative of the state of New York in the senate of the United States, is the foremost member of the bar in New York city. There are those who class him among the legal lights of the country and assign to him the place that was occupied by Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Addis Emmet and Charles O'Connor. His eminence has been won purely in his profession, for he has never occupied a public office or been in the public eye except as a lawyer. But in that capacity he has been, indeed, prominent. He was the leading counsel

JOSEPH H. CHOATE.

in the Tweed ring prosecution, in the investigation of the validity of the dismissal from the army of Gen. Fitz John Porter, in the libel suit of Gaston L. Fenardent against Gen. Cesnola in the contest over the Vanderbilt millions, in the Chinese exclusion case, in the case of David Neagle, who shot Judge Terry in defense of Justice Field, in the Pacific railway suit, and of later day fame, in the suit for damages against Russell Sage for using Mr. Choate's client as a buffer against a dynamite bomb. What lawyer is more versatile than Mr. Choate? Who excels him in cross examination, in pleading before a jury, in sharp satire, quick repartee, learning, acumen and profound resource? No one, say his friends in New York. He made a grand president of the constitutional convention of 1894, and there is no earthly reason, argue New Yorkers, why he should not shine in the senate. Mr. Choate is derived from the grim puritan stock of the pilgrim fathers, and it is a mystery where and how he got his magnetic good nature and his broad humor. He is a product of the schools of Salem and Harvard college. He was admitted to the bar in 1855, at Boston, and in 1856 came to New York. Mr. Choate is 64 years old and yearly becomes maturer and more resourceful. Rufus Choate, great as a lawyer, was his uncle.

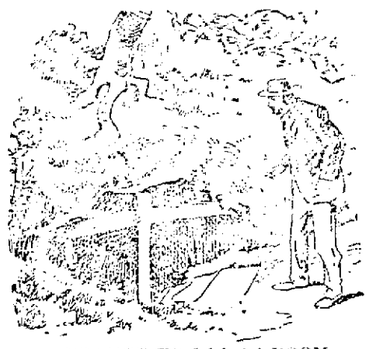
ODD FELLOWS, INDEED.

Tennessee Lodges of That Order Meet in an Underground Cave.

During the past few months the secret society journals throughout the country have devoted much space to descriptions of the "underground lodge-room" of East Tennessee. Some have treated it as a joke, evidently considering the existence of such a lodge-room a myth. Such a lodge-room really does exist in the mountains of East Tennessee, about ten miles east of Johnson City, on the farm of Dr. N. E. Ryder.

The opening of the cave is on the side of a mountain and is perhaps wide enough to allow a ten-horse team to enter it abreast. To the right of the entrance is a room about 35 feet wide by 60 feet long. Dr. Ryder, the owner of the cave, is an enthusiastic member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and first conceived the idea of having an underground place of meeting for his lodge. He at once set to work to interest other members of the lodge, and as a result Gap Creek lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F., has the distinction of being the only lodge in the world that holds its meetings in a cave.

The lodge has leased the cave for a period of 99 years, with the privilege of



ENTRANCE TO LODGE ROOM.

renewing the lease when it expires. The temperature in the strange lodge-room is the same the year round. Lodge meetings are not disturbed by some heathen punching the fire in the stove, nor do the windows have to be raised in summer. In winter or summer a more pleasant retreat could not be found. The lodge pays no rent, no insurance, no taxes, no coal bills, the only expense being a nominal sum every month for oil for the lamps. The members of the lodge are very proud of their unique place of meeting, and the attendance is always good.

In furnishing the cave care was taken to preserve nature's works, so that the room would retain its picturesqueness. The rugged rocks that hang from the ceiling add much to the impressiveness of the secret work when degrees are being conferred. One qustion candidates for initiation never fail to ask is: "Where do you keep the goat?" Some people might think that the royal butter could not exist under ground, but the Gap Creekers claim that the subterranean conditions are most favorable to the health of Sir William, and that his part of the programme is always carried out in a way the candidates are not likely to forget.

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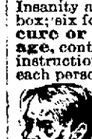

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TIME TABLES.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railway.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 1, 1896, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 601, 625, 606, 617 and 620 run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train No. 5 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

(E) Train No. 1 stops on signal for passengers west of Binghamton.

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex. T	4.30 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	6.01 "	
26 Middletown Way	6.50 "	....6.32 a.m
16 Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7.10 "	....7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex., T	8.23 "	... 8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10.48 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G. exc't Su)	12.58 p.m.	....1.00 p.m
30 Way, T. M. P. G	4.14 "	...4.13
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex	5.07 "	
* 8 C. & St. L. Limited,	6.12 "	
22 P. J. Local T	7.27 "	
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
*606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only)	5.19 p.m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	7.00 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	7.00 a.m.	
* 21 Port Jervis Way	10.26 "	....10.32 a.m
1 Day Express	F10.56 "	
9 Del. Val. Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5 C. & St. L. Exp	4.07 "	
27 Mountain Exp	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
15 Orange Co. Exp	6.50 "	.... 6.45 "
25 Middletown Way ar	8.05 "	.... 8.03 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp	9.34 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 38 a.m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.06 p.m	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a. m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p. m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, 9 00 a. m 12.30 and 7.30 p. m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
*101	Pine Bush Mail	11 30 a.m.	11.35 a.m
*115	" " "		6.55 p.m
Sundays only		11.05 a.m.	11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	8.16 a.m
*130	" " "	5.50 p.m

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Sept. 21, 1896.

P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	STATIONS.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M
12.12	5.10	7.45	(ar) Middletown (lv)	6 20	7.12	4.46
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11.55	4 38	7.09	Johnsons	6.46	7.35	5.03
11.49	4.25	7 04	Westtown	6.53	7.43	5.09
11.44	4.15	7.18	Unionville	6 59	7.55	5.16
11.28	3.52	7.05	Deckertown	7. 4	8.30	5.32
11.20	3.36	6 55	Hamburg	7.22	8.46	5.42
11.12	3.26	6 47	Franklin	7.29	8.56	5.49
11.07	3.16	6 42	Ogdensburgh	7 34	9 06	5 54
9.29	....	5.04	Paterson	9 03	10.36	7.30
8.20	....	4.10	New York	9 53	11.25	8.25
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Collector's Notice.

State and County Tax.

The warrant for the collection of the State and County Tax for the city of Middletown, N. Y., for the year 1896 having been delivered to me by the Board of Supervisors, I will attend on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Corporation Rooms, Center street, in said city, for 30 days beginning Monday, Dec. 21st, 1896, and ending Monday, Jan. 25th, 1897, inclusive, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes. No fee will be charged during said 30 days.

E. M. HAMILTON, Collector.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 18 1896.

Dec18,19,21,22,23,24,26 28,29,30,31 Jan4,5,6,7,8,9,18,19, 20,21,22,23

Shall we whip

a poorly nourished horse when he is thoroughly tired? He may go faster for a few rods, but his condition is soon the worse for it. Better stop and feed him. Food gives force. If you are thin, without appetite; pale, because of thin blood; easily exhausted; why further weaken the body by using tonics? Begin on a more permanent basis. Take something which will build up the tissues and supply force to the muscular, digestive and nervous systems

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of Cod-liver Oil, with Hypophosphites, meets every demand. The cod-liver oil is a food. It produces force without the whip. Every gain is a substantial one. The hypophosphites give strength to the nervous system. An improved appetite, richer blood and better flesh come to stay.

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The doctor came into the room rubbing his hands and smiling.

"Everything all right?" asked the man who was anxiously waiting for him.

"Couldn't be better," returned the doctor.

"Good," said the man, with a sigh of relief. Then, when he saw that the doctor intended to say nothing more, he asked, with some hesitation: "Er—al—boy or girl?"

The doctor stopped rubbing his hands and looked a trifle uneasy, as if the task before him were not just to his liking.

"Well," he said at last, "you'll need a tandem wheel for it."—Chicago Post.

Knew She Had Been Deceived.

An amusing story is told about a worthy vicar of a rural parish who had waxed eloquent in the interest of foreign missions one Sunday, and was surprised on entering the village shop during the week to be greeted with marked coldness by the worthy dame who kept it. On seeking to know the cause, the good woman produced a half-crown from a drawer, and throwing it down before the vicar, exclaimed:

"I marked that half-crown and put it in the plate last Sunday, and here it is back again in my shop. I knowed well them niggers never got the money."—Tit-Bits.

Unappreciated Blessings.

Stranger (in small town)—I saw by the papers that a boy was born here with no legs and no arms. I am a dime museum manager, and I should like to find him.

Citizen—No use hunting him up. His parents won't exhibit him.

"They won't? Well, it beats all what blessings fall to folks as can't appreciate 'em."—N. Y. Weekly.

Then He Left.

It had been time for him to go for nearly an hour, but still he lingered. Then, in some way, the subject of telegraph codes came up, and he said:

"Speaking of ciphers, the—"

"Now, don't be egotistical," she interrupted.

Then, at last, he decided that it was time to go.—Chicago Post.

Finishing the Sentence.

Little Boy (writing composition)—I want to use that saying that's in our copybooks, but I can't remember it all—"Man glories in his strength, woman glories in—' What's the rest, I wonder?

Little Girl—Let me see. "Woman glories in her—her hat."—Tit-Bits.

Beyond Him.

"Put your tongue out, dear," said the doctor.

Bertie protruded the tip of his tongue.

"No, no; put it right out."

Little Bertie shook his head gravely, and, with tears gathering in his eyes, says: "I can't, doctor, it's fastened to me."—N. Y. Journal.

She Had Read the Papers.

"Papa," said young Mrs. Hunker, "won't you please give George and me $10,000?"

"What do you want that much money for?"

"We want to build a $5,000 house."—Bay City Chat.

Still Another Twist.

Lives of millionaires remind us
That most laws we can evade,
And departing leave behind us
Creditors who'll ne'er be paid.
—N. Y. Truth.

BUILT THAT WAY.

Merrill—My ambition is to become a fancy bicycle rider. I hope to be soon able to ride on my head.

Cora—That should be easy for you, my dear; your head is full of wheels.—N. Y. Ledger.

His Reason.

He did not sing the old songs—
He did not even try,
A protest from the gallery
Might hit him in the eye.
—N. Y. Tribune.

Of Two Evils.

Nobbsie, the Office Boy—There's a man downstairs says he's goin' to kill yer, and a beautiful young lady as wants ter go on der stage.

Manager—Of two evils—well, show the man up.—Bay City Chat.

Never Touched Him.

Miss Scraggs — Yes; once, when I was out alone on a dark night I saw a man, and, oh, my goodness, how I ran!

"And did you catch him, Miss Scraggs?"—N. Y. Tribune.

A Sufficient Reason.

"He couldn't be a member of a secret organization."

"Why not?"

"It wouldn't be a secret if he were."—Chicago Record.

In Oriental Quarters.

Fatima—My Lord, spare me! This will never happen again.

The Sultan—Certainly, my dear. I can easily spare you; I have 299 other wives left!—N. Y. Truth.

But Not a Helping Hand.

"Pa, Fred wants to marry me, but he is poor; will you help him?"

"Yes; tell him to come around and I'll give him a lift."—N. Y. Journal.

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Is superior to all Self-Raising Griddle Cake Flours.

TRY IT.

Sold in 2-lb. packages by all leading Grocers.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fair view avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.

1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

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Before you put on overshoes or rubbers, shake into your under shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It prevents that stinging corn sensation and absorbs the perspiration from your feet. Allen's Foot-Ease makes cold feet warm, and makes tight shoes feel easy. After your feet sweat they usually feel cold at this season. Ask your druggist or shoe dealer, to-day, for a 25c. box of Allen's Foot-Ease. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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NEW YORK ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Time Table in Effect Dec. 20th, 1896.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 * Milk	1 On't Day Ex p	7 Sul-liv'n Co. Exp	5 Chic ago Limt
N. Y. Leave	A	M A. M.	P M P	M
Franklin St	3 45	7 49	3 00	4 15
W. 42d St.,	3 30	7 35	3 15	4 30
Weehawken	4 01	8 10	3 30	4 45
Cornwall	4 10	8 45	5 00	6 01
W Cornwall	4 22	8 57	5 08	
Orr's Mills	4 25	9 00	5 10	
Little Brit'n	4 40	9 15	5 23	
Burnside	4 56	9 31	5 34	
Campb'll H	5 07	9 42	5 40	6 30
Stony Ford	5 15	9 50	5 44	
M'town Main St.	5 28	10 03	5 58	
M'town	ar 5 40	10 15	6 00	6 46
	lv 5 45	10 55	6 10	6 56
Winterton	5 55	11 09	6 25	
Bloom'g'b'gh	6 01	11 15	6 30	
Wurtsboro	6 25	11 19	6 34	
Summitville	6 38	11 30	6 45	
Ellenville	7 05	11 50	7 05	
Fallsburgh	10 32	2 05	7 20	
Hurleyville	10 53	2 12	7 27	
Liberty Falls	11 15	2 22	7 32	
Liberty	11 30	2 39	7 44	8 07
Parksville	11 45	2 49	7 55	
Livingst'n M'r	12 09	2 53	8 08	8 30
Rockland	12 15	1 08	8 20	12
Hancock Jct	1 20	2 00	27	9 19 A M
Walton	2 15	2 45	12 15	9 53 8 05
Sidney Clear'r	3 18		2 10	8 38
Sidney	3 41	41	3 10	10 35 9 02
N'rwich ar	4 33	A M	5 30	11 18 9 37
lv	4 38	7 30	P M	11 23 10 02
Oneid' Castle	6 06	9 10		b1235 A M
Oneida ar	6 10	9 15		12 40
lv	6 15			
Fulton	7 57			b2 10
Oswego ar	8 20			2 30
		M P	M A	M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New Y'rk Exp	12 *	14 Fel-bi Ex	50 Local	2 Day Exp
	P M	P M		P M	A M
Oswego lv	12 35				6 45
Oneida ar				12 20	8 40
lv	2 11			12 25	8 52
Oneid' Castle			P M	12 45	9 32
Norwich ar	3 24		7 36	5 30	10 37
lv	3 29		7 47	P M	10 42
Sidney	4 20		8 45		11 40
Sidny Clear'r			9 03		11 57
Walton	5 05	12 15	9 38		1237
Hancock Jct	5 35	1 30			1 25
Rockland		2 35	6 01		2 40
Livingst'n M'r	6 27	3 00	6 11		2 25
Parksville		3 16	6 25		2 37
Liberty	6 48	3 23	6 36		2 51
Liberty Falls		3 41	6 41		h2 55
Hurleyville		4 01	6 50		3 05
Fallsburgh	h7 06	4 19	6 57		3 11
Centreville		4 40	7 04		h3 20
Mount'n D.		4 59	7 16		h3 25
Summitville		5 15	7 26		3 45
Wurtsboro		5 25	7 33		h3 52
Winterton		5 40	7 43		h4 02
M'town ar	8 00	6 15	8 01		4 20
lv	8 10	6 25	* 8 10		* 4 30
M'town Main St.		6 27	8 12		4 32
Stony Ford		7 02	8 21		4 46
Campb'll H.		7 17	8 31		4 52
Burnside		7 25	8 36		4 57
Little Brit'n		7 43	8 45		5 10
Orr's Mills		8 15	8 59		5 40
W Cornwall		8 20	9 04		5 45
Cornwall	8 53	8 31	9 07		5 55
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New York					
W. 42d St.,	10 30	11 15	10 40		7 15
N. Y.					
Fklin St	ar 10 45	11 30	10 55		7 25
	P M	P M	A M	M	P M

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NORTH.

	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Daily p m
New York	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 39	.....	5 14
Two Bridges	10 55	2 40	6 42
Ogdensburg	11 07	2 56	6 42
Franklin	11 12	3 26	6 47
Hamburg	11 20	3 36	6 55
Deckertown	11 28	3 52	7 03
Quarryville	11 38	4 04	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 15	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 25	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 38	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 57	7 34
Middletown	12 12	5 10	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily a m	ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 20	7 12	4 45
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	4 57
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 03
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 09
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 16
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 25
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 33
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	5 42
Franklin Junction	7 27	8 53	
Franklin	7 29	8 56	5 49
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 08	5 54
Two Bridges	7 51	9 32	6 10
Paterson	8 03	.....	7 39
Paterson (Broadway)	8 05	10 36	7 23
Hackensack	8 16	10 47	7 46
Jersey City	8 38	11 12	8 13
New York	8 53	11 23	8 23

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HYPNOTISM.

Some Conclusions Drawn from a Careful Study of the Subject—What It Is and Is Not—Dangerous in the Hands of a Novice—No One Can Be Hypnotised Against His Will.

Some twelve years ago I was led to an investigation of the phenomena of hypnotism. After many experiments and making what I supposed, at the time, a thorough investigation as to whether any psychical phenomena had ever been fully proven in connection with the hypnotic condition, the subject was laid aside for several years during the press of daily work. Recent statements of investigators have aroused, however, some local interest in the subject and I feel somewhat justified in stating my views and a brief review of what has seemed to me a scientific explanation of what many claim the proof of psychic phenomena.

For those who deny the existence of hypnotic phenomena this article is not intended. I leave them in company with the Rev. Jasper, of Richmond, who asserted "the sun do move" and other educated (?), critical (?) and independent "thinkers" (?)

In pursuing this subject I have at least tried to follow the rule of scientific induction and have believed nothing that was not axiomatic and proven by facts under personal observation.

First, let us concede that there are human beings who are able to exercise a personal influence over others by direct contact and in some rare exceptional cases even at a distance. And second, that psychical conditions are or can be induced in a human being by entirely physical methods. As to this condition being supernatural, I can only say that after an experience with subjects numbering among the hundreds, some of whom were professional mediums and clairvoyants, I have never seen a single manifestation or condition that could not be explained or duplicated by any good hypnotic subject. If others' investigations have led them farther than this then they are in possession of facts and results of experiments that I, after some years of study aided by a few men of education and brains, and personal ability to induce the hypnotic condition, perhaps a little better than the average, have never been able to obtain.

In "this foolish-compounded clay man" lies the whole secret of the belief in spiritism and the supernatural, at least as applied to mediums, clairvoyants and the trance condition, and it is humiliating to know that at no time in the world's history has the superstition of mankind arising from what is known as "psychic phenomena" assumed a more gross form than to-day among men who possess otherwise a high degree of culture.

The object of this article is to disprove the supernatural as applied to the trance, medium, hypnotic condition and to assert that there is nothing miraculous about it, no "magnetism," no "efflux of will power," no added functions to the organism, no new power of "mind over mind," no signs and wonders, nothing in short preternatural. As an evidence of this, in a recent experiment, I succeeded in placing a person in a deep trance that lasted for several hours by means of and through the telephone, although I was nearly a mile from him. As I have often done this, it would seem to negative the argument of "mesmeric passes" and the "subtle ether" idea.

The hypnotic condition can be and frequently is self induced. Mediums hypnotize themselves and not understanding the phenomenon, and having the auto-suggestion in their minds, believe they are "controlled" by some particular spirit. The use of the "professorship" simply causes the subject to believe he cannot resist. To the extent that one can cause a person to believe in his hypnotic ability to influence he will succeed or fail as a "professor" and as one believes he can be influenced or no, he becomes a good or bad subject.

I am, however, entirely willing to admit the danger of hypnotism in the hands of the unprincipled persons, owing entirely, however, to their lack of ability to successfully remove the impression created from the subject's mind.

As an evidence that the hypnotic condition is entirely imaginative let the reader look steadily at some bright object on the mantle or on the ceiling for two or three minutes, then turning the eyes away for a little while, think steadily that when next his eyes meet the bright spot or object he will be unable to swallow for a minute. Nine persons out of ten who try this experiment will fail at least once during three trials. Why? Simply because his subjective mind has become convinced that it cannot, and to that extent he is hypnotized. I would not be understood, however, as denying that an abnormal condition of the senses may not exist in the hypnotic condition, and this phase of the subject, I believe, no human being fully understands.

A gentleman who is a resident of this city, whose endowments are conceded by all, while in a somnambulistic condition readily remembered perfectly an entire poem I armed when a school boy, not over ten lines of which he could repeat before being hypnotized. He could also repeat an entire chapter of a book read a few moments before, and when asked, describe where he was and what he was doing on any part of a day forty years before, and could repeat entire conversations, which had taken place many years before, none of which he could remember when in his normal condition. How any person can imbibe the strongest ammoniated cayenne pepper, have salt placed in his eyes, and remember nothing of the occurrence afterwards and yet when hypnotized remember with every little detail some scene of his youth of years before, is indeed marvelous. But it can be explained by entirely natural causes. The state is one of exaltation of certain muscular and mental functions due to the removal of all inhibitory influences, and the exaggeration or suppression of certain sense functions.

Expectant attention is a necessary psychical preparation, for an ordinary person may gaze for an indefinite time on an object without producing hypnosis unless he expects such a result to ensue: were it not so spontaneous somnambulism would be a common occurrence.

I am perfectly willing to admit that with the present knowledge of mankind it seems impossible to explain certain phenomena connected with advanced hypnotism. These are attributed by Spiritists to clairvoyance, but they are undoubtedly the result of exaggerated perception. Mankind in all ages has attributed to the gods phenomena which he has not been able to explain, but that does not prove that the natural cause does not exist. To one who knows of the scientific certainty and therapeutic value of hypnotism, who has seen a thousand instances of its effect, it is somewhat trying to be told that the whole thing rests on a basis of fraud and misrepresentation: that the subject is a "good actor" and can be easily "awakened" if the necessary torture is inflicted. It is consoling to know, however, that among the medical fraternity such scholars are a rare and fast diminishing quantity under the accumulating evidence of such scientists as Charcot, Richet, Hack, Take, Moll, Hedenhain, Krafft-Ebing, Beaurris, and other eminent and learned medical scientists, who are admitting it in their practice. As medical men are often good subjects, I have several times been fortunate enough to convince a friend by placing one of their brethern in one or another stage of the hypnotic condition.

In arriving at the conclusion that there is naught of the "mysterious influence," or "power," or "control," or "electricity," or supernatural or "magnetism" in the trance mediumistic, hypnotic and somnambulistic condition, I am aware that I enter a domain which is disputed by many educated and talented men, among whom is one of our most honored townsmen, but for ourselves we have experimented often enough with every phase of the trance condition and with every precaution, to be able to vouch for the absolute truth of the results. We have laid aside mind-reading since it has proved itself an impossibility except by trick. Clairvoyance contradicts every principle of empirical psychology: when supposed to have been proven self-deception through mental suggestion must most certainly be attributed. Transformed personality, abnormal perceptions, hallucinatory situations, while puzzling to laymen and interesting as experiments are not to the trained investigator or special scientific interest for the auto-suggestion in dreams and insanity are closely analogous.

But in all this there is naught of the supernatural. It is "of the earth, earthy," it is not grand, it is not of supernatural origin. Frequent experiments prove the correctness of the theory that it is the subject who hypnotizes himself and that it is by the evocation of his own forces. It seems to me that this is a better conception than the unscientific idea of being "magnetized" and "mesmerized" by a "subtle fluid" passing from operator to subject. The hypnotic condition is simply an hallucination and the ability to produce such a condition can be acquired by most persons. I do not wish, however, to be understood as saying it is not without attendant danger in the hands of experienced persons, but I am satisfied that the danger is greatly exaggerated and many of the stories told are mostly myths and fables. Prof. Bernheim has shown that no one can be hypnotised against his will, and in fact it is his own will which sends him to sleep. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that after a long time when one person is continually hypnotised by one operator, the oncoming of sleep is less under the patient's control. I believe that in certain cases of nervousness there arises a craving for the condition as there might be for any other form of sedative. But peculiarly sensitive subjects have only to resolve that no one can produce such an effect on them without their consent and the most skillful operator will try his art in vain: in fact the more sensitive the subject the greater the effect of the deterrent suggestion.

The study of hypnotism is doing much to advance our knowledge of the higher brain functions, but it is well to bear in mind that many eminent scholars hold that as the phenomena depend on an induced psychical condition, they cannot be explained by an physiological method now known to mankind.

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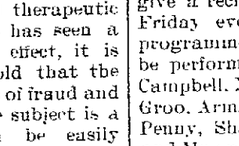

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Beattie, Wm — Peacly, R
Cudney, Mr. and Mrs. — Riggott, W. B
Giles, P. H — Willets, M. N
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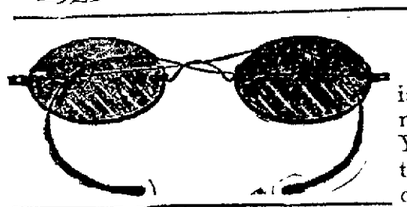

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